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I have not yet begun to fight!"



UN SECRETARY-GENERAL KOFI ANNAN SEES DEVASTATION IN EAST TIMOR FIRST HAND

By Reuters

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan is receiving a first-hand look at the devastation in East Timor, the region of Indonesia that was ravaged last year after it voted to secede from the country.

Annan examined the ruins in Dili's business district during a car tour. Dili, the capital of East Timor, was a thriving area before the post-referendum violence. The U.N.-sponsored vote was held August 30.

Annan told the East Timorese they would soon be receiving in-

ternational aid, and that they would also have jobs in their region. The people tossed him flower petals, and named a street, Kofi Annan Way, after him.

Annan, making his first official visit to East Timor, also visited other violence-ravaged areas in the region during the day, including some of the graves where the alleged murder victims were buried.

Hundreds of people were reportedly killed and thousands of people fled their homes as anti-independence forces devastated much of East Timor after the vote.

FLIGHT TESTS SHOW NAVY STRIKE FIGHTER IS READY FOR FULL-SCALE PRODUCTION

By Associated Press

A series of flight tests confirmed that the F/A 18 Super Hornet meets the Navy's needs for a new carrier-based strike fighter and is ready to enter full-scale production, Navy officials said. The Navy plans to buy 548 planes over the next 10 years. The total cost, including development, is estimated at \$47 billion.

Capt. James B. Godwin III manages the F/A 18 Super Hornet program, which is one of the Defense Department's most expensive weapons projects along with the Air Force's F 22 fighter and the multi-service Joint Strike Fighter. The Super Hornet is to replace today's older-model F/A 18's as well as the Navy's F 14 Tomcat fighters.

POLLS SHOW RACE IS STILL A TIE

By Associated Press

New TV ads are hitting Carolina airwaves with just two days to go before that state's republican primary. George W. Bush's ad takes on Sen. John McCain for negative campaigning, as well as campaign fundraising. McCain's final ad is positive, like a man who can beat the democrats in November. A new Mason-Dixon poll shows the race is still a tie and surveys suggest voter turnout could set a record Saturday.

DC 8 JET CRASHES IN SACRAMENTO

By Associated Press

A DC 8 cargo jet crashed into an auto-wrecking yard near Sacramento, Calif. There were three people onboard. All were killed. The Emery Worldwide Transport had just taken off from the former Mather Air Force Base on a flight to Dayton, Ohio. The Federal Aviation Administration says the pilot radioed back that the cargo was shifting and that he needed to make an emergency landing. Instead, the plane crashed into the wrecking yard.

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**CALIFORNIA'S SECRETARY OF STATE
CHOOSES MCCAIN OVER BUSH**

By Associated Press

The highest-ranking republican official in California, Secretary of State Bill Jones, has dropped his support of George W. Bush and has endorsed John McCain in the presidential race. California's residential primary is just three weeks away, and McCain is behind in the polls.

Bush enjoys the support of a lopsided majority of the republicans in the state legislature. Despite that, Jones says he made the switch because he feels McCain has broader appeal and can attract non-republican voters in California and nationally as he did in the New Hampshire primary. The California Secretary of State also feels McCain is the most believable candidate to deliver the message of campaign finance reform.

*** SATURDAY SITE TV SCHEDULE *****CHANNEL 2**

1100 WHAT ABOUT BOB
1630 SMALL SOLDIERS
1830 SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE
2000 LAW BREAKER
2130 HARD RAIN

CHANNEL 6

1100 THE SIXTH MAN
1630 WAKING NED DEVINE
1800 BEVERLY HILLS COP
2000 ANALYZE THIS
2200 DESPERATE MEASURES

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COUPLE CONFESSES GUILT IN NEW YORK BANK LAUNDERING SCHEME

By Timothy L. O'Brien with Raymond Bonner

A former executive of the Bank of New York and her husband told a federal judge Wednesday that they had helped a group of small but politically connected Russian banks create an elaborate money laundering scheme to move billions of dollars illegally out of Russia through the U.S. bank.

After more than 18 months of investigation, federal authorities delivered Lucy Edwards, a former Bank of New York vice president, and her husband, Peter Berlin, to U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

They described how between 1996 and 1999, more than \$7 billion left Russia illegally and flowed into accounts at the Bank of New York which were controlled by Berlin. Russian bankers wanted to whisk funds electronically between Russia and the United States.

DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION BOTH RECOMMEND A LESSER CHARGE

By Dan Barry

Testimony in the trial of four white New York City police officers charged with killing a black immigrant drew to a quick conclusion on Wednesday, as both the defense and the prosecution recommended that the jury be allowed to consider charges less serious than murder. The penalties for these lesser charges range from a minimum of up to five years in prison for first-degree manslaughter to a minimum of probation for criminally negligent homicide.

NASA IS OPTIMISTIC THAT MAP OF THE WORLD WILL GET DONE

By Associated Press

Thanks to fuel-efficient changes in steering and flushing aboard space shuttle Endeavour, NASA is optimistic that astronauts can complete their mapping of the world. Flight controllers have come up with 17 ideas for conserving fuel aboard Endeavour, ranging from changes in shuttle maneuvers to changes in urine disposal.

The astronauts have had to use more shuttle fuel than planned to keep a 197-foot radar antenna mast pointed in the right direction. The mission to create a 3-D map of the Earth's terrain was supposed to continue until Sunday. The crew has mapped more than 32 million square miles of terrain so far. Before the mission is done, NASA hopes to have about 48 million square miles mapped.

LOS ANGELES OFFICIALS ADMIT PROBLEMS WITH POLICE FORCE

By James Sterngold

Top police officials here offered a public indictment of the command and supervision within their department Wednesday, saying that thousands of new officers had been hired with little vetting and then allowed to run virtually out of control.

These lapses, officials said, were especially bad in some of the special divisions designed to use aggressive tactics against gangs and crack cocaine dealers, and had thus contributed to a scandal that has shocked this city with reports of widespread police corruption.

SPORTS

RODMAN FINED AND SUSPENDED FOR DOUBLE-TECHNICAL FOUL

By Associated Press

The NBA has hit Dallas forward Dennis Rodman with a one-game suspension and fined him ten-thousand dollars for failing to leave the court in a timely manner. Rodman received a double-technical in the fourth quarter of the game against Milwaukee.

SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI CHARGED WITH BRIBERY AGAINST POLICE

By Associated Press

Former Florida State kicker Sebastian Janikowski has been charged with one count of bribery after he allegedly offered a police officer 300 dollars to release his roommate from custody last month. The Polish-born Janikowski could face deportation if convicted. He left school early after last season to enter the NFL draft.

TWO FOR TOE SURGERY PLEASE

By Associated Press

Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair is recovering from minor toe surgery.

Miami receiver O.J. McDuffie also underwent toe surgery after playing in pain most of last season.



Hospital Corpsman First Class James E. Grubb prepares uniforms with a coating of "bug spray". (Photo By PH3 Timothy Comerford.)

MEN'S TOP-25 NCAA

(3) Duke 101	Florida St. 68
(17) Texas 68	(8) Oklahoma St. 57
(9) Syracuse 83	Pittsburgh 62
(12) Auburn 86	Vanderbilt 80
(14) Iowa St. 64	(24) Kansas 62
(16) LSU 97	Mississippi 53
(19) Kentucky 66	Alabama 54
(22) Maryland 92	Georgia Tech 70
(25) Purdue 67	Iowa 59

WOMEN'S TOP-25 NCAA

(5) Notre Dame 70	Villanova 52
Kansas 79	(10) Iowa St. 71
(12) Texas Tech 66	Nebraska 62
Texas 77	(18) Oklahoma 70
(19) Boston College 72	Georgetown 49

NHL SCORES

Montreal 5	Atlanta 1
Detroit 5	Vancouver 2
Florida 3	NY Rangers 0
Boston 3	Toronto 3
Buffalo 1	Pittsburgh 1
LA Kings 4	Chicago 1
Dallas 3	Nashville 0
Anaheim 6	Calgary 5

NBA SCORES

Indiana 109	Toronto 101
Orlando 129	LA Clippers 96
LA Lakers 92	Charlotte 85
New York 93	Minnesota 89
Vancouver 92	Washington 87
Portland 99	Golden St. 95



The hangar bay was covered with uniforms getting treated for those individuals going to East Timor. (Photo by PH3 Timothy Comerford.)